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§ 3201.101 General.

(a) *Purpose.* The regulations in this part apply to employees of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (Corporation) and supplement the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch contained in 5 CFR part 2635. Where specified, these regulations also apply to the Comptroller of the Currency and the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision in connection with their activities as members of the Corporation's Board of Directors.

(b) *Corporation ethics officials.* The Executive Secretary of the Corporation shall act as the Corporation's Ethics Counselor and as its Designated Agency Ethics Official under 5 CFR part 2638. The Ethics Program Manager shall act as the Corporation's Alter-

nate Ethics Counselor and as the Alternate Agency Ethics Official.

(1) The Ethics Counselor or Alternate Ethics Counselor may delegate authority to one or more employees to serve as Deputy Ethics Counselors.

(2) The delegation to a Deputy Ethics Counselor shall be in writing and cannot be redelegated.

(c) *Agency designees.* The Ethics Counselor and Alternate Ethics Counselor shall serve as the agency designees for purposes of making the determinations, granting the approvals, and taking other actions required by an agency designee under part 2635 and this part. The Ethics Counselor or Alternate Ethics Counselor may delegate authority to Deputy Ethics Counselors or to other employees to serve as agency designees for specified purposes. The delegation to any agency designee shall be in writing and cannot be redelegated.

(d) *Definitions.* For purposes of this part:

(1) *Affiliate*, as defined in 12 U.S.C. 1841(k), means any company that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another company.

(2) *Appropriate director* means the head of a Washington office or division or the highest ranking official assigned to a regional office in each division or the Ethics Counselor.

(3)(i) *Assisted entity* means:

(A) Any FDIC-insured depository institution which has received financial assistance from the FDIC to prevent its failure;

(B) Any FDIC-insured depository institution resulting from a merger or consolidation with any institution described in paragraph (d)(3)(i) of this section; and

(C) Any holding company of an FDIC-insured depository institution described in paragraphs (d)(3)(i) or (d)(3)(ii) of this section.

(ii) An assisted entity retains its status as an assisted entity for such time as there is an ongoing financial relationship with the FDIC including, but not limited to, a loan repayment obligation, the servicing of assets on behalf of the FDIC, or the retention by the FDIC of stock or stock warrants in the assisted entity.

(4)(i) *Assuming entity* means:

(A) Any FDIC-insured depository institution or FDIC-insured depository institution holding company which has entered into a transaction with the FDIC to purchase some or all of the assets and assume some or all of the liabilities of a failed FDIC-insured depository institution;

(B) Any FDIC-insured depository institution resulting from the transaction described in paragraph (d)(4)(i) of this section and its wholly owned subsidiaries; and

(C) Any branches and the wholly owned subsidiaries of the institutions described in paragraph (d)(4)(i) of this section.

(ii) An assuming entity retains its status as an assuming entity for a period of one year after the failure of the FDIC-insured depository institution.

(5) *Covered employee* means an employee of the Corporation required to file a public or confidential financial disclosure report under 5 CFR part 2634 or 5 CFR part 3202.

(6) *Employee* means an officer or employee, other than a special Government employee, of the Corporation including a member of the Board of Directors appointed under the authority of 12 U.S.C. 1812(a)(1)(C), and a liquidation graded employee. For purposes of 5 CFR part 2635 and §§3201.103 and 3201.104, *employee* includes any individual who, pursuant to a contract or any other arrangement, performs functions or activities of the Corporation, under the direct supervision of an officer or employee of the Corporation.

(7) *Security* includes an interest in debt or equity instruments. The term includes, without limitation, a secured or unsecured bond, debenture, note, securitized assets, commercial paper, and all types of preferred and common stock. The term includes an interest or right in a security, whether current or contingent, a beneficial or legal interest derived from a trust, the right to acquire or dispose of any long or short position, an interest convertible into a security, and an option, right, warrant, put, or call with respect to a security. The term *security* does not include a deposit account.

(8) *State nonmember bank* means any State bank as defined in 12 U.S.C.

1813(e) which is not a member of the Federal Reserve System.

(9) *Subsidiary*, as defined in 12 U.S.C. 1813(w), means any company which is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by another company.

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§ 3201.102 Extensions of credit from FDIC-insured depository institutions.

(a) *Credit subject to this section.* The prohibition, disqualification, and retention provisions of this section apply to a current or contingent financial obligation of the employee. For purposes of this section, a current or contingent financial obligation of an employee's spouse or minor child is considered to be an obligation of the employee.

(b) *Prohibition on acceptance of credit from FDIC-insured State nonmember banks applicable to certain high-level officials.* (1) An employee described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section shall not, directly or indirectly, accept or become obligated on an extension of credit from an FDIC-insured State nonmember bank or its subsidiary, except credit extended through the use of a credit card under the same terms and conditions as are offered to the general public.

(2) The prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this section applies to:

(i) An employee who is a member of the Board of Directors, an assistant or deputy to the Board of Directors or to an appointed Board member, and a covered employee who is an assistant to such person; and

(ii) The director of a Washington office or of a division, other than the Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection, and a covered employee who holds a position immediately subordinate to such director.

(c) *Prohibition on acceptance of credit from FDIC-insured State nonmember banks for employees assigned to the Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection.* (1) An employee described in paragraph (c)(2) of this section shall not, directly or indirectly, accept or become obligated on an extension of credit